Embarassing situation created by Securitymen in USA

7694. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:
DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that during the Prime Minister's recent visit to USA the Indian securitymen sparked off a race discrimination row in Boston Hotel and that in another incident the securitymen were handcuffed at the civilian Dulles International Airport;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) the manner in which Government have viewed these embarassing situations created by the Indian securitymen;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Discussion with Pak Government on Kashmir Issue

7695. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether during the Prime Minister's recent US visit, Pakistan and its ISI intensified military activities and the terrorist related activities in and along Jammu Kashmir, were discussed, if so, the details in this regard;

(b) whether the Kashmir issue was also discussed with US representative; and

(c) if so, the details and outcome of these deliberations?;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) to (c) Sir. The opportunity was used to brief President Clinton on Indian concerns regarding Pakistan's support to terrorism in India, particularly in Jammu & Kashmir. President Clinton shared the concern on this issue and agreed that all outstanding issues between India and Pakistan, including Jammu & Kashmir must be resolved through bilateral negotiations as envisaged in the Simla Agreement.

Multilateral Solution to contain nuclear proliferation in South Asia

7696. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU;

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a US State Department report submitted to the US Congress about a proposal for a multilateral solution to contain the nuclear proliferation in South Asia on the eve of Prime Minister's recent visit to the US, which they claimed was acceptable both to India and Pakistan;

(b) if so, what was the proposal; and

(c) what was Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) and (b) The US Administration's report to the Congress states that "We hope that we will be able soon to launch a multilateral process to promote non-proliferation, arms control and South Asian Regional Security. Our talks with India and Pakistan have led both to accept such talks in principle, thougth important differences remain. We are currently angaged in discussions with both New Delhi and Islamabad in an effort to work out an acceptable format and terms of reference for the talks. and establish a fremework specifying participants and other organisational matters".

(b) India and the US have had rounds of bilateral dialogue on disarmament, non-proliferation and socurity issues. The last such talks at London on the US proposal demonstrated that the positions of India and the US are widely divergent